

Outreach/Communications Program Intern

Position Available

Maryland Hunger Solutions, an initiative of the Food Research and Action Center, seeks a highly motivated and skilled individual to join Maryland Hunger Solutions as a Outreach/Communications intern. Maryland Hunger Solutions is one of the state of Maryland's primary outreach partners, helping to connect eligible Marylanders to SNAP and other nutrition resources. In addition, through the use of traditional and social media, the communications intern will help to advance the advocacy, research, outreach, technical assistance, and public education of Maryland Hunger Solutions. The intern will work with MDHS staff to design, execute, and collaborate on communications projects. This internship is currently designed to work remotely, requiring the use of online and phone communications.

Organizational Background

FRAC is the leading national nonprofit organization working to improve and implement effective public policies and public-private partnerships to eradicate hunger and undernutrition in the United States. FRAC engages in research, technical assistance, information dissemination, policy analysis and advocacy, coalition-building, and an array of communications strategies. FRAC works in partnership with hundreds of national, state and local nonprofit organizations, public agencies, corporations and labor organizations to address hunger and food insecurity, and poverty as their root cause.

Formed in 2007, Maryland Hunger Solutions (MDHS) is the leading Maryland non-profit working to reduce hunger and improve nutrition in the State of Maryland by improving participation and benefits in public nutrition and related programs. MDHS's focus is on using federal programs (e.g., food stamps, called the Food Supplement Program in Maryland, school breakfast and lunch, summer and afterschool nutrition programs, WIC and other programs) to reduce hunger and its adverse effects; to improve economic security, health and nutrition; and to strengthen community institutions.

Responsibilities

The intern will support MDHS' work in Maryland by assisting callers with accessing nutrition resources, including SNAP, local food banks and school meal sites. The intern will participate in training sessions for volunteers and partners, will conduct outreach to potential partners and to potential applicants. The intern will also assist in writing, creating, and researching communications tools for the organization. The intern will be in contact with communications media and will coordinate with FRAC's Communication's Department to execute communications plans and projects and to respond to media inquiries. The intern will also help to update and build our media list.

Skills and Qualifications

- Minimum of 2 years college education.
- Good oral and written communications skills. Ability to present and speak in public.
- Detail-oriented planning and implementation skills.
- Willingness to work varied hours.
- Good organizational skills.
- Self-starter; ability to work independently.
- Excellent interpersonal skills; team orientation.
- Evidence of commitment to social justice; experience with SNAP/food stamp program a plus.
- Experience with Microsoft Office Suite products with ability to use Excel for data collection.
- Conversant in Spanish, a plus.
- Ability to travel around the state for meetings and events. (Must have own transportation; mileage will be reimbursed.)

Benefits

This internship may be done either to meet course/program requirements or as a volunteer. If this is done on a volunteer basis, based on hours worked, FRAC will reimburse telework expenses up to \$500.00.

Start Date

The start and end dates of the internship are flexible; however, the ideal candidate will be available for a 10-week internship. Interns are expected to work at least 20 hours per week.

To Apply

Please email cover letter and resume, along with 2 references to: employment@mdhungersolutions.org. Please include “**Outreach/Communications Program Intern - MDHS**” in subject line.

FRAC is especially interested in candidates who can contribute to the diversity of the organization.

FRAC is an equal opportunity, affirmative action employer. FRAC is firmly committed to a policy against discrimination based on age, sex, race, religious creed, sexual orientation, disability or ethnic or national origin.

